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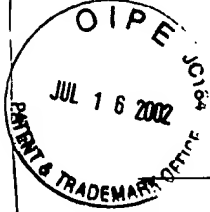
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of administration of an active ingredient to a mammal through a transmucosal route, said method comprising:

a. delivering said active ingredient to a desired site in a body of said mammal; and, sequentially, at said desired site,

i. adjusting a localized environment of said active ingredient to promote dissolution of said active ingredient.

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